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John Hodgson of SOGA considers this to be a **TREMENDOUS PROJECT** for Aruba

The Financiers of the Hospital are satisfied with the development of the project



AFTER a year that the labors have started on the construction project of the new buildings and the renovation of the actual building of the Dr. HOracio E. Oduber Hospital, a meeting was held with the financiers of the project to give a presentation on the developments of the constructions.

John Hodgson, President of the 'Stichting Onroerend Goed Aruba' (SOGA) expressed his contentment and satisfaction on how this project is developing, especially the professional way of the constructions.

SOGA satisfied that the project is developing according to schedule and within the allocated budget. It is normal that when a big project like this starts, immediately there will be 'extra work' but with this contractor, so far this has not happen. They are very professionals.

"I am sure that the people of Aruba will be very happy with the renovation of the Hospital."



The meeting was rather to show to progress of the project to the banks and give them a necessary trust level that the project is running on time. And the banks can have their inputs in the decisions that have to be done in the project.

The first phase of the construction

- The new location for patients – must be finished for October 2016
- The Medical Office Building – must be finished for February 2016
- Central Energy Plant – must be finished for July 2016
- Renovation of the existent building – must be finished for July 2018

SOGA was founded in 2005 and is managed by the AIB Bank and is the owner of the building. The aim of SOGA is to construct and maintain buildings for the Government. They also have the Tax Department and the Finance Department. And also the old ATA building and the DOW and DIP buildings.

SOGA has taken care for the finances for the construction, renovation and maintenance of the Hospital building for 25 long years. SOGA is partner with the AIB Bank and affiliated to 18 financial and local institutes. A sum of nearly 150 million dollars was collected that will include the cost of construction, 4 years of supervision, purchase of the present building, payment to the architects, preparations and much more.



Randall Croes, President and Director of Sagicor Life Insurance who also was at the meetings said "The project is going to contribute positively to the level of life of the citizens, it is a necessary infrastructure".



First "Higher Education Mission" in Canada



MINISTER Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar was in Toronto Canada together with the representatives of the University of Aruba (UA) and IPA for the first "Higher Education Mission".

The Higher Education Mission in Canada had different purposes.

The first focus of mission was to explore the different options in Canada as a country suitable for our Aruban students who chose to study in a foreign country. Canada has a high education system and deals with different renowned Universities and Colleges around the world.

Next to the quality and recognition that Canada is known for, this is an option that surely needs to be taken under consideration seeing that financially it is very attractive for our students compared to USA. Considering all this, Minister Hooyboer-

Winklaar considers it to be very important to facilitate this information to our students so they can consider Canada as an option to continue their studies.

Canada offers various options for our Aruban students, but when it comes to choose a study or specialization, we need to take under consideration that Aruba still recognizes some professions that are arranged by the law like doctors, schoolteachers and lawyers.

Despite these, Canada offers very attractive options to stimulate students to choose Universities and Colleges suitable for their professional or academic future.

The Second important focus of Higher Education Mission was to along with the local institutions to explore the possibilities of exchange and collaboration between our institutions and the Canadian institutions. Both the UN and the IPA has a goal of enlarge a n d stimulate the

internationalization part by student exchanges, international collaborations between teachers, collaboration on mutual projects, offer and develop joint degrees and stimulate courses and trainings on specific areas. Our local institutions had the opportunity to visit and converse with different possible partners. Both the UA as the IPA see the different opportunities to formalize the collaboration on a short term with some Canadian Universities and Colleges and especially in the area of student exchange through exchange programs. Next to exploring Canada as a country suitable for our students and exploring the collaboration between Aruba and Canada, Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar and the Aruban delegation were very interesting to know and learn more about the trends, best practices and new concepts of education specifically in superior education.

During the Higher Education Mission, the delegation visited the York University, Mc Master University, Ontario College of Teachers and the Ontario Principal Council.

On the last day of the mission, the delegation met with Minister Bussemaker and a Dutch

Delegation that were also in Canada for an educational mission and for the official visit of King Willem Alexander and Queen Maxima.

Many workshops and excursions were programmed and a 'match making sessions' between the Aruban, Dutch and Canadian institutions. This resulted in a unique dynamic for our local institutions with various new contacts and first compromises of collaboration.

At the end of the Higher Education Mission, Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar formed part of a "high policy roundtable discussion" with the Minister Moridi of Ontario and Minister Bussemaker of Holland to discuss the topics of internationalization, management and financing of superior education and possible formalization of cooperation on superior education in the three countries.

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar is extremely satisfied with the results of the first Higher Education Mission in Canada and thinks that this will bring lots of benefits for our students and for our local institutions.

She already has concrete understandings planned with both the Government of Ontario as some Canadian Universities. The formal collaboration will be formalized. Also understandings with Minister Bussemaker of Holland have been planned and further collaboration on superior education will be formalized where Aruba and Holland will both benefit of this agreements.



IMF advices flexibility in labor laws

IN the last IMF report it is recommended to increase the productivity in our country, changes have to be made in our labor laws. Too rigid laws can be against productivity. In the consultation round and the 'tri-partite', the Minister of Labor, Drs. Paul F.T. Croes announced some changes in our civil code that has to be beneficial for the productivity of our country.

The labor protection for the workers must always have priority. At the other hand you want to stimulate your economy by increasing the productivity and also by creating laws to lessen unemployment.

Minister Paul Croes believes this direction to be incentive for commerce and private sector in order to create more jobs.

Flexibility creates less complicated laws to take people in service. The Minister has also shown the compensation of the workers by the (eventual) increase of the minimum salary.

The Minister is seeking balance between associations and the unions to accomplish changes in the labor laws in the civil code of Aruba. One of the articles that were brought forth was the 1613X that made it possible to employ worker for a fixed period. With these changes, it is expected that employers will employ more people for a specific period. (Short-term contracts). The Minister is waiting on feedback of the tri-partite in order to present these changes to the Parliament of Aruba.



The RIU Radisson Situation CREATES UNCERTAINTY to the workers

"THE workers are those who will be harmed by the uncertainty of the ongoing Radisson case. That is my main concern. We are doing our best to not have a Westin part two in this case", were the reaction of Minister Paul Croes in the RIU/Radisson case.

Minister Paul Croes share the opinion and agrees with the management of the Government and his colleague, the Minister of Tourism, Mr. Otmar Oduber on the 'all inclusive' resorts for Aruba.

'The situation that developed last week and that even has a case in Court going on is not very good for the workers at the Radisson Hotel. These are people who dedicated their lives in the hotel

sector and many families are dependent on their salaries here. I do not want to see another situation like what happened to Westin happen to these workers, there for we will follow this case from close", said the Minister.

The Minister will meet this week with the RIU Hotel in order to convey to them the existing concerns. The Government is doing the best efforts in order to not let the workers feel the effect of this situation.

The Minister is also in contact with the actual buyers of the hotel to stay informed on all the steps of this case. Minister Croes did not want to comment further because he prefers to wait on the judge's decision in the case.



A 'ROUND TOUR' at the Hospital

Members of the Parliament of the Dutch Kingdom were impressed

LAST week, during the Health Care Conference Aruba (HCCA), a round trip at the hospital of Aruba was prepared for the members of the Parliament of the Dutch Kingdom. The facility of the Hospital is under construction at the moment. Information was given by SOGA, the board members of the hospital and by the developers of the project that is under construction and renovation at the moment.

After the construction and renovation of the hospital consist of different parts: offices, laboratories, surgery rooms, patient rooms for one and 2 persons, considering the privacy and comfort of the patient and the family. There will not be increase in the number of rooms, because we are inclining more towards the idea that patients will stay less days in the hospital in the future.

Mrs. Wyatt-Ras asked when the hospital will take the decision about the operating rooms that previously has not been calculated in the initial construction plans and were not planned to be renovated. During a debate about the operating room in the Parliament, the Government agreed to sit with the SOGA and the Hospital to discuss this and return to the Parliament with the decisions but that has not happen.



An agreement has been made but the Parliament has still not been informed of this. The Parliament is waiting on this to happen in order to continue with the discussions. Among those who took the tour were the Presidents of the different Parliaments of the Kingdom. Mrs. Marisol Lopez Tromp, Mr. Mike Franco. And also different members and Presidents of Health Commissions of the different participating countries.

Wyatt-Ras, as the President of the Health Commission in Aruba believes it is important that we can depend on a good hospital building; however she is of the opinion that everything should go according the correct processes and together with her colleagues will wait for the further discussions of the hospital in the Parliament. The visitors were very impressed with the renovation and expansion project of the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital.

Donation of a poetry album

from around 1847-1880 to Archivo Nacional Aruba



On June 4th, Mrs Ellen Henriquez and Mrs Diandra Alders donated a poetry album to the 'Archivo Nacional Aruba' (ANA) dated from 1847. This poetry album belonged to Mrs. Regina Jacomina Croes (1819-1897) and is a collection of 16 poetry written in Aruba between 1847-1880.

Regina Jacomina Croes was married to Frances Louis Bazin (1793-1853). He

was the owner of the 'Mon Plaisir' Plantation. After his death, Mrs. Regina married the Italian Pietro Guiseppe Frigerio. (1823-1863)

These poems were written by: Anthony Croes, Constanca Thielen, Louis Bazin, Susanna Maria Schultz, Frederik Bennebroek Gravenhorst, Magdalena S.Croes, Borchard S. Croes, Anna E. van der Biest, Jacob Thielen, Pietro Guiseppe Frigerio, Gerard Evert Zeppenfeldt, Guisippina M. Frigerio and two unknown persons.

Mrs. Ellen Henriquez and Mrs. Diandra Alders are descendants of Mrs.Regina Jacomina Croes. Archivo Nacional Aruba (ANA) conveys their gratitude to them for this beautiful gesture. The main task of the ANA is to preserve the history and cultural heritage of our country and make it available for the community and the future generation. This poetry album can be admired at the ANA from today at 7:00pm.

Today is the International Archive Day. ANA celebrates tonight with a presentation of Mrs. Diandra Alders. She will be presenting the Poetry album which contains 16 poems, written between 1847-1880. ANA invites all cordially to come admire this album of Regina Jacomina Croes tonight at 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. There will also be a special program of different lectures and exposition of paintings. On Wednesday and Thursday, this book will be available for the public to admire from 1:30 pm till 4:00pm. After this, the book will be restored by the conservator of the Archivo Nacional Aruba and will take one month to be completed.

National Library of Aruba Annual Story TELLING PROJECT at the Nursing Home

NATIONAL Library of Aruba has started the Annual StoryTelling Project at the Nursing Home. This project will have a duration of 3 months. Three Story Tellers and Authors that are on this program are Mrs. Gwendy Sneek, Mrs. Amaryllis Velazquez and Mr. Gerry Franca. Together with the library team, they visited different nursing homes. Mrs. Gwendy Sneek is a story teller, a poet and a painter. She published 'Between Heaven and Earth' in 2007. She contributed before to this project. She told a story from the collection of Mr. Hubert Booi (rip) and poetry from the anthology of Aruba, 'Cosecha Arubano' (Aruban Harvest).

The National Library of Aruba wants to contribute on this manner to plan activities to keep our elderly people who live in nursery homes happy. The nursing homes that were visited are the Pavilpen San Pedro, Huize Maris Stella at Savaneta, SABA at San Nicolas and Cas Marie at Savaneta.

During the project, each nursing home will receive the visit of three different story tellers each one. This is the 9th edition of this project of 'story telling' for our elderly.



Igmar Reyes of ATIA

The **BEST** at the ILO debate in Switzerland

FROM the 21st to the 29th of May, International Labor Organization (ILO) organized a course/debate on labor and social management which took place in Genève, Switzerland. A total of 24 countries from different continents participated, among them representatives of workers and employers and the Government.

Igmar Reyes, Director of the ATIA, represented the workers on this international platform. To be able to participate in this platform, work experience and academic education are required. Mr. Reyes is no stranger in our community. He is a sociologist

and specialized lawyer on labor and business. He had the honor to represent the Caribbean and Latin America in debates with 23 other countries on actual and important topics like: Employment policy; global supply chains; formalizing the informal employment; youth unemployment; skills and employability; minimum wage and statistics.

On the last day, Igmar Reyes held his presentation on the topic: "The future of work, social security and its (financial) challenges". At the end resulted that all the countries that were present chose the presentation of Mr. Reyes as the

best one.

Management Team of ILO declared also that the presentation of Igmar Reyes was "to the point, critical and sharp". He received a reward for his tremendous presentation. The board of the ATIA is happy and satisfied to see that Igmar Reyes excelled on such an important international platform. ATIA will continue with the good



international relations. Which are crucial for ATIA and contribute to more knowledge and professionalism to the tasks of ATIA.



AFTER many months of preparations, finally the delegation of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KvK) left to Cuba on a Trade Mission Trip. The delegation was led by the Director of the KvK, Mrs. Daphne Lejeuz. This is a commercial mission in cooperation with the Cuban Chamber of Commerce. Upon their arrival at the Havana, the delegation received a warmth welcome and was transported at their hotel.

Program of the Mission
Yesterday and today, the delegation visited various Cuban business and they exchanged information in the presentations of the business world of both Cuba and Aruba where all the participants met each other. Yesterday was the mutual agreement signed to fortify the commercial cooperation between Aruba and Cuba. Moreover, there will be tours and visits

on schedule to attractive sites of the country for the participants to discover what Cuba has to offer.

The 10th and the 11th of June, the different sites of attractions will be visited and the business visits as well. To close this Trade Mission Program, the delegation will receive a modern tour called the 'Havana by night' followed by dinner with typical Cuban

music.
The delegation will return to Aruba on the 12th with the direct charter that the InselAir scheduled especially for this mission.
The KvK wishes the delegation all the best during this Mission Trade Trip in Cuba and hope to strengthen the ties between the economy and commerce of Aruba and Cuba and both can reach to positive opportunities.

APPLE

announced its latest software

at its annual Worldwide
Developers Conference



APPLE'S 2015 Worldwide Developers Conference kicked off Monday in San Francisco, with CEO Tim Cook taking the stage for the keynote address. WWDC 2015, being held from June 8 to 12, hosts developers for a look ahead at what's to come in software for iPhones, iPads, computers and the Apple Watch. OS X El Capitan

The next version of OS X, Apple' (AAPL, Tech30) desktop operating system, has a name: OS X El Capitan. Following a series of cats, Apple is naming new version of OS X after California landmarks.

Craig Federighi, Apple's software chief, introduced the new Mac OS and showed off its new features. The Spotlight tool search supports natural language searches and includes more web search results, like weather and sports scores.

As in Google (GOOGL, Tech30) Chrome before it, you can now pin tabs in Safari and see what tab is playing unwanted music and mute it. There's a split screen view for seeing two apps at once, a la Windows 8 from Microsoft (MSFT, Tech30) and a way to quickly save messages in Mail. And under the hood, the new OS X is supposed to be much faster. OS X El Capitan is available to developers today. A public beta will start in July, and it will be available to everyone in the fall.

iOS 9

Siri Proactive. In iOS 9, the new software for the iPhone and iPad, Siri is getting a big update. Siri is going to attempt to guess what you want to know, before you ask it. Just like

Google Now.

Apple's iOS smart assistant is getting an upgrade, called Siri Proactive, that includes predictive tools. It has smart reminders that know more about your location and habits. It pulls from your search history, emails and calendar to give smarter search results to surface information and suggest apps.

"This is all context sensitive to the time, the place and even the devices you're connected to," said Federighi.

Apple may be following Google here, but it sets itself apart in one very important way. Apple isn't a data company, unlike Google, and Federighi said it will never mine your email, photos or contacts for information to target ads or sell to third parties. Things you look up are done anonymously and not tied to your Apple ID.

Apple Maps. The feature finally adds transit directions, so you can decide if you're going to grab a bus, walk or drive. It's only in 12 cities to start, but will expand in the future. It's also improving business searches for finding nearby restaurants, and seeing if they take Apple Pay.

Apple Pay. Square's next card reader will accept Apple Pay. Apple Pay will also be available to people in the United Kingdom starting in July, including support for public transit. Apple's Passbook app is being renamed Wallet, and will support retail loyalty cards.

News. Apple has a new news app, different from its often ignored Newsstand app. It's called News, it creates a personalized feed called For You, pulling from articles you've read in the past. It updates every time you

open the app. The articles can come from anywhere on the Web, but it also features articles created by publishers just for the News app.

"Quicktype" and multitasking. Apple introduced a new gesture in iOS 9 for iPads: Use two fingers and your keyboard mimics a trackpad. It lets you select text and move the cursor like a mouse. iPad users can also get split screen apps and improved app switching and keyboard shortcuts. They might seem minor but small improvements like this push the iPad that much closer to being a serious word-processing device.

HomeKit. Apple's hub for connected home devices, HomeKit added iCloud access and controls for window and controls for window shades, thermostats, lights and sensors.

HealthKit. The health feature will be able to monitor hydration, menstrual periods and fertility, "reproductive health" and UV exposure.

Carplay. It will now work wirelessly in your car.

More power for iOS 9. With all those new improvements, Apple also had to address one of the biggest drags of running powerful tools on a mobile device: battery life.

iOS 9 will have up to an hour more of juice a day. It's adding a low-power mode to squeeze out three extra hours of life, a feature that already exists on competing mobile operating systems. iOS 9 will support all the same devices as iOS 8 and the beta comes out in the Fall.

Apple Watch

Just six weeks after it launched, Apple Watch is getting its first big upgrade. You can reply to emails, take FaceTime calls and draw in multiple colors on the wrist device. Health and fitness apps can run natively on the watch, and that means you don't need to have your phone on you.

You can start workouts using Siri, so you don't have to touch the watch. Feel better about your workout with fancier, sharable health and fitness awards (they rotate and are in 3D).

Third party developers can access sensors like the accelerometer and heart beat monitor.

Apple Music

Tim Cook brought out music producer Jimmy Iovine and Drake to talk about Apple Music, a new streaming service with that has some old school twists: real human DJs and a new radio station called Beats 1 that is available worldwide.

The Apple Music service will have unlimited streaming. Leading music experts help hand pick what songs come on next when you're listening to a playlist. In yet another stab at mixing its music with a social network, Apple is introducing Connect. It's a platform for musicians to share things with their fans, like songs, remixes, lyrics, videos, and sound bytes.

Apple music costs \$9.99 a month with the first three months free. It will be available on desktop and mobile devices on June 30 -- it's even coming to Android down the line. If you have a lot of people in the house, you can get a family plan up to six people for \$14.99.

Russia's Richest Man in \$7 BILLION Divorce Fight

The ex-wife of Russia's richest man Vladimir Potanin wants half his \$15 billion fortune.



THE couple divorced last year. Potanin offered Natalia Potanina, his wife of 30 years, a settlement including a monthly allowance of \$250,000 and properties in Moscow, London, and New York. But she says that is only a fraction of what is rightfully hers.

Natalia claims Potanin's real wealth is held in offshore companies, and she's launched an international legal battle to get hold of it.

Vladimir Potanin runs the world's biggest nickel producer Norilsk Nickel. One of Russian industry's crown jewels, Norilsk has a market value of more than \$30

billion, and Potanin owns 30% of the company.

The former deputy prime minister was one of the main backers of Russia's bid to host the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics, and he invested heavily in the development of the Olympic village. He also controls a transport and infrastructure company, a pharmaceutical firm and a ski resort operator.

Natalia says she's owed half of her ex-husband's business empire, because under Russian law wealth acquired during marriage should be divided equally. A half share of \$15 billion could buy her the New York Yankees twice, four Buckingham Palaces, or 14 Airbus super jumbos, but she has yet to decide how to spend the money should she win the legal battle.

She said the divorce has caused her pain. "I feel offended after living together for 30 years," she said. "I loved him so much, it was a big personal drama to me." The couple have three children. Russian media say Potanin has since remarried.

His lawyer said the current offer should be "more than enough." A preliminary court hearing to examine Natalia's claims has been set for July 1. Before the divorce, Potanin promised to give at least half of his wealth to charity.

"I also see it as a way to protect my children from the burden of extreme wealth, which may deprive them of any motivation to achieve anything in life on their own," Potanin said when he signed up for The Giving Pledge campaign founded by Warren Buffett, and Bill and Melinda Gates.



Oscar Pistorius:

Killer to Walk FREE



MASS MIGRANT

rescue operation underway in Mediterranean



Calm seas and good weather in the southern Mediterranean are prompting a wave of migrant smuggling ships to attempt the crossing from Libya to Italy, the International Organization for Migration said Sunday, putting many lives at risk.

European navies and nongovernmental organizations are struggling to locate and rescue migrants from the rickety ships, and thousands may be pulled to safety Sunday, a spokesman for the organization has stated. "The numbers are high, and they are rising," Federico Soda said.

The warning comes after nearly 3,500 migrants were rescued Saturday. The HMS Bulwark, a British Royal Navy ship, has rescued more than 1,000 migrants already, including 10 pregnant women, a spokeswoman for the UK Defence Ministry has said.

It is the largest rescue operation the Bulwark has had since deploying to the Mediterranean on May 5, and the numbers are climbing as the operation is still ongoing, she said.

The ship has rescued more than 2,700 migrants since it was sent to the Mediterranean.

The Italian coast guard has received requests for help from 14 vessels in distress, carrying an estimated 1,500 refugees and migrants, the UNHCR's William Spindler said. They have rescued migrants from 11 vessels, and operations to find the other three boats and rescue those on board continue.

Europe dealing with immigration crisis

The prospect of migrants being in jeopardy in the Mediterranean is serious but hardly surprising. People from impoverished and conflict-torn countries such as Syria, Somalia, Sudan and Eritrea have taken to the sea to reach Europe in especially large numbers of late, often putting their fate in the hands of people-smugglers.

Many times they haven't made it. Hundreds of migrants died in April when their crammed 66-foot (20-meter) boat capsized roughly 70 miles (113 kilometers) north of Libya. That got a lot of news coverage, but it didn't stop the carnage -- including dozens feared drowned after falling into the Mediterranean last month as a rescue vessel approached, according to the aid organization Save the Children.

The United Nations estimates that, as of the end of May, 90,000 refugees and migrants had crossed the Mediterranean into Europe so far this year. Just over half landed in Italy, with roughly 42,000 in Greece and the rest recorded in places such as Spain and Malta. The UNHCR's Spindler said that about 1,850 had died or were missing at sea.

A **PAROLE** board is set to recommend that the disgraced athlete Oscar Pistorius, convicted in the killing of his girlfriend, be released from prison in August, South Africa's Department of Correctional Services has stated.

Pistorius, 28, was sentenced in October to five years in prison for culpable homicide in the killing of Reeva Steenkamp on Valentine's Day 2013. In South Africa, culpable homicide means a person was killed unintentionally but unlawfully.

Pistorius acknowledged firing shots through the bathroom door in his home, but said he thought there was an intruder in the bathroom rather than his girlfriend. Pistorius' fall from grace was one of the most dramatic since that of O.J. Simpson, the American football player turned sports announcer and movie star, who was charged with murder in the 1994 deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown

Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Simpson was acquitted in a criminal trial but found responsible for the deaths in a subsequent civil suit. Like Simpson, Pistorius was handsome, popular and wealthy from commercial endorsements when the charges were filed.

In his 2014 trial, a judge found Pistorius to be not guilty of murder. Prosecutors are appealing that verdict.

Both of Pistorius' legs were amputated before his first birthday. In the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, Pistorius became the first athlete with both legs amputated to participate in the Olympic Games, running in the 400-meter race and the 4x400 meter relay.

Under South African law, Pistorius must serve at least one-sixth of his sentence -- 10 months -- before being released. The parole board

is prepared to recommend that he be released on August 21, 10 months to the day since his sentencing.





New York Prison Escape Focuses on Possible **INSIDE HELP**

INVESTIGATORS are interviewing hundreds of civilian employees and contractors. Investigators are looking into whether civilian employees or private contractors helped two convicted killers obtain the power tools they used to break out of a maximum-security state prison near the Canadian border, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Monday. Officials said David Sweat, 34, and Richard Matt, 48, cut through steel walls at the back of their adjacent cells and steel pipes, which guards discovered early Saturday. Sweat and Matt were still on the loose Monday.

Investigators are interviewing hundreds of civilian employees and the contractors who have been doing extensive renovations at the 150-year-old facility, Cuomo said.

"We're going through the civilian employees and private contractors first," he said. "I'd be shocked if a correction guard was involved in this, but they definitely had help, otherwise, they couldn't have done this on their own, even from the equipment point of view." Cuomo said the escape was a "sophisticated plan" and announced a \$100,000 reward for information leading to men's capture.

"These are killers. They are murderers," the governor said. "There's never been a question about the crimes they committed. They are now on the loose, and our first order of business is apprehending them."

Officials gave no details on how the men managed to avoid detection while cutting their way out. "They had to be heard," Cuomo stated. After the search is over, "we'll go through the exact details of what they did and how they did it to ensure this never happens again," Cuomo said later.

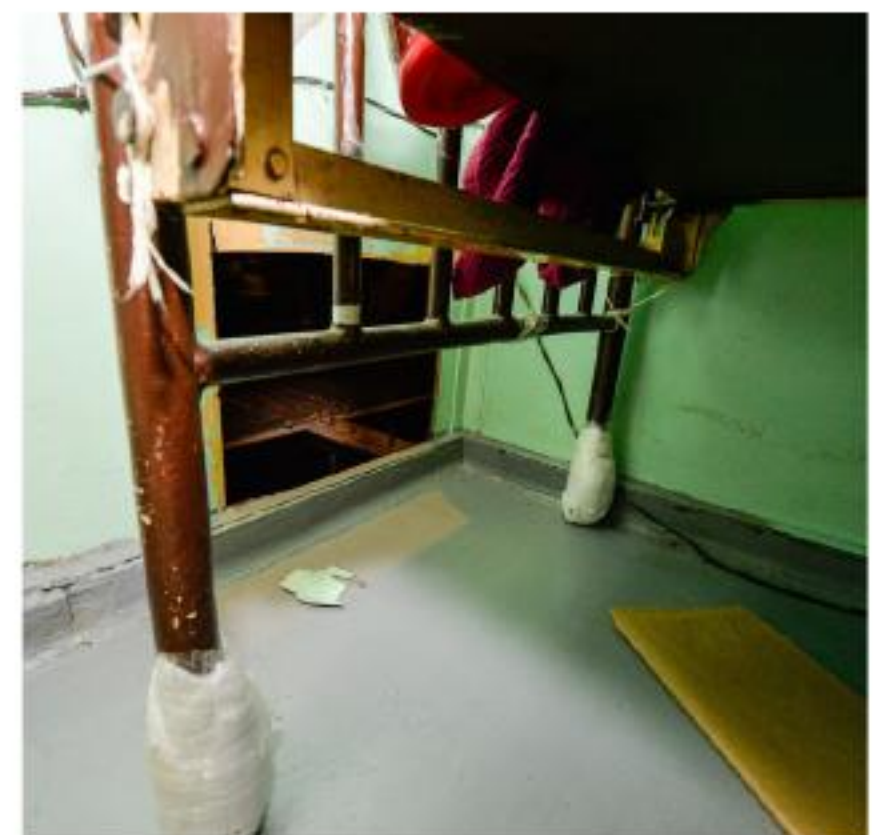
Dubbed "Little Siberia" by locals, the prison houses nearly 3,000 inmates, guarded by about 1,400 correction officers. Surrounded by farmland and forests, the prison is about a 45-minute drive by car to Montreal.

Prison officials found the inmates' beds inside their separate cells stuffed with clothes on Saturday morning in an apparent attempt to fool guards making their rounds. On a cut steam pipe, the prisoners left a taunting note that said "Have a nice day."

This is the first escape from the maximum-security portion of the prison, which was built in 1865. Cuomo said investigators were confident the men obtained the tools inside the prison. The Acting Corrections

Commissioner said an inventory of prison tools had so far shown none missing, and he was in contact with contractors who did or had done work at the prison.

"Clinton is as secure a prison as you'll find anywhere in the United States," said Horn. "If it can happen at Clinton, it can happen anywhere."



Texas Cop Brutalized Black Teens At Pool Party

One officer is on leave after pulling his gun on the young girls



A TEXAS teen says she believes the police officer who got violent with a teenage girl at a Dallas area pool party over the weekend was driven by racial prejudice.

Jahda Bakari, 13, recorded the now widely-watched video of a white police officer dragging a young black girl in a bikini by her hair and sitting on her back during an arrest. At one point the officer can be seen pulling his gun on a group of teens that attempted to

intervene.

"I honestly believe it was about race because mostly they did nothing to the Caucasians," Bakari said. Police were reportedly responding to calls about kids at the Craig Ranch North Community Pool in McKinney, Texas.

The community is mostly white, but a lot of the kids at the pool party were black. According to

the McKinney Police Department, the officers said they "encountered a large crowd that refused to comply with police commands."

Bakari said she believed the officer, who is now on administrative leave, was going to hurt someone. The video of the violent encounter led local officials to launch an investigation into the officers' response, and one officer has been placed on administrative leave.

South Korea MERS Cases RISE

As Hong Kong Increases Alert Level



THE number of South Koreans infected with Middle East respiratory syndrome increased to 87 on Monday after the government identified additional cases. It also said that an 80-year-old man had died, bringing the number of deaths linked to the virus in South Korea to six.

More than 2,500 people remain quarantined, either at home or in health facilities. And more than 1,800 schools remain closed.

Young and old

The latest death is that of an 80-year-old man who was receiving treatment at a hospital in Daejeon, South Korea's fifth largest city. Among the new cases is that of a teenager, the first school-aged person to be infected, the health ministry said. MERS, which surfaced three years ago, is not well-understood. Because the virus is still fairly new, doctors and scientists do not know the exact source or mode of its transmission.

MERS spreads from close contact with an ill person, such as living with or caring for them, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Far from alone

The South Korean outbreak had its first case on May 20. The vast majority of the cases are hospital clusters, and the deaths were among people with pre-existing health conditions. Experts from the World Health Organization

who have dealt with MERS are coming to South Korea to assess the pattern of the virus spread and to look at public health response efforts. The outbreak in South Korea has been the largest outside Saudi Arabia -- where the virus was discovered. But South Korea is far from alone in the battle. As of Wednesday, 1,179 cases of MERS have been confirmed in 25 countries, WHO said. Two of those cases were in the United States -- both were health workers who lived in Saudi Arabia.

Kate Moss called pilot a 'BASIC BITCH', says witness

KATE Moss was escorted off a flight from Turkey to London after reportedly calling the pilot a "basic bitch" and getting into a disagreement with another passenger. Moss, 41, was met by police officers at Luton airport on Sunday afternoon after airline staff claimed she was disruptive on the easyJet flight from Bodrum in Turkey, where she had spent the week celebrating her friend Sadie Frost's forthcoming 50th birthday.

A fellow passenger on the afternoon flight said staff refused to serve Moss alcohol and the model instead poured herself vodka from her carry-on luggage. Moss apparently later became unruly, prompting the pilot to call ahead and ask police officers to meet the flight.

As she was escorted from the plane, Moss was reportedly heard swearing at the pilot. "She called the pilot a basic bitch as police led her off the plane, she was a little drunk and had a disagreement with another passenger on the flight as she was refused alcohol," a passenger said.

The airline would only confirm that police met flight EZY2232 from Bodrum to London Luton "due to the behaviour of a passenger on board". "We were called to assist staff in escorting a passenger from a flight arriving into Luton airport. The passenger had been reported as being disruptive on the flight. Officers attended and escorted the passenger from the plane," a spokesman said.

Moss, who made an estimated £4.6m last year, was travelling on the budget airline with her holiday companions Frost, Frances Ruffelle, designer Jemima French and model Rose Ferguson. The Primrose Hill set had spent the week by the Aegean Sea at a luxury Turkish spa, LifeCo, where a seven-day detox programme costs £1,640.

Moss has previously lost modelling contracts after allegations that she was a habitual cocaine user. She issued a public apology in 2005, and has since rebuilt her modelling career with designers such as Burberry. She married the musician Jamie Hince in 2011.



World's largest TELESCOPE to explore universe's deepest secrets



IN the vast expanse of the universe, we are still trying to find our place. Is there anyone else out there? Where do we come from? Are there other habitable planets like our own?

These are just some of the questions astronomers and scientists grapple with on a daily basis.

Now they're rolling out the big guns. Astronomers are enlisting a massive new telescope on a mountainside at Chile's Las Campanas Observatory in their quest for answers.

The Giant Magellan Telescope (GMT), will be the biggest Earth-based optical telescope ever built, ushering in a new era of deep space exploration.

"The GMT will herald the beginning of a new era in astronomy. It will reveal the first objects to emit light in the universe, explore the mysteries of dark energy and dark matter, and identify potentially habitable planets in the Earth's galactic neighborhood," said Wendy Freedman, chair of the Giant Magellan Telescope Organization (GMTO) board of directors and university professor of astronomy and astrophysics at the University of Chicago.

"The decision by the GMTO partner institutions to start construction is a crucial milestone on our journey to making these amazing discoveries using state-of-the-art science, technology and engineering," she said. Sharper than Hubble

Not only will the GMT be the largest optical

telescope in the world but -- with its seven mirrors spanning a single reflective surface of 25 meters -- it will be able to produce spectacular images, 10 times sharper than ones taken by the Hubble Space Telescope, GMTO says.

The telescope will be built near existing large telescopes in a huge dome structure 22 stories high in the dry air of Chile's Atacama Desert. Its remote location will allow it to capture incredible images of the skies above without being hindered by urban light pollution.

The \$1 billion telescope has secured half of its funding, thanks to its 11 international partners, and is expected to see first light in 2021, becoming fully

operational by 2024.

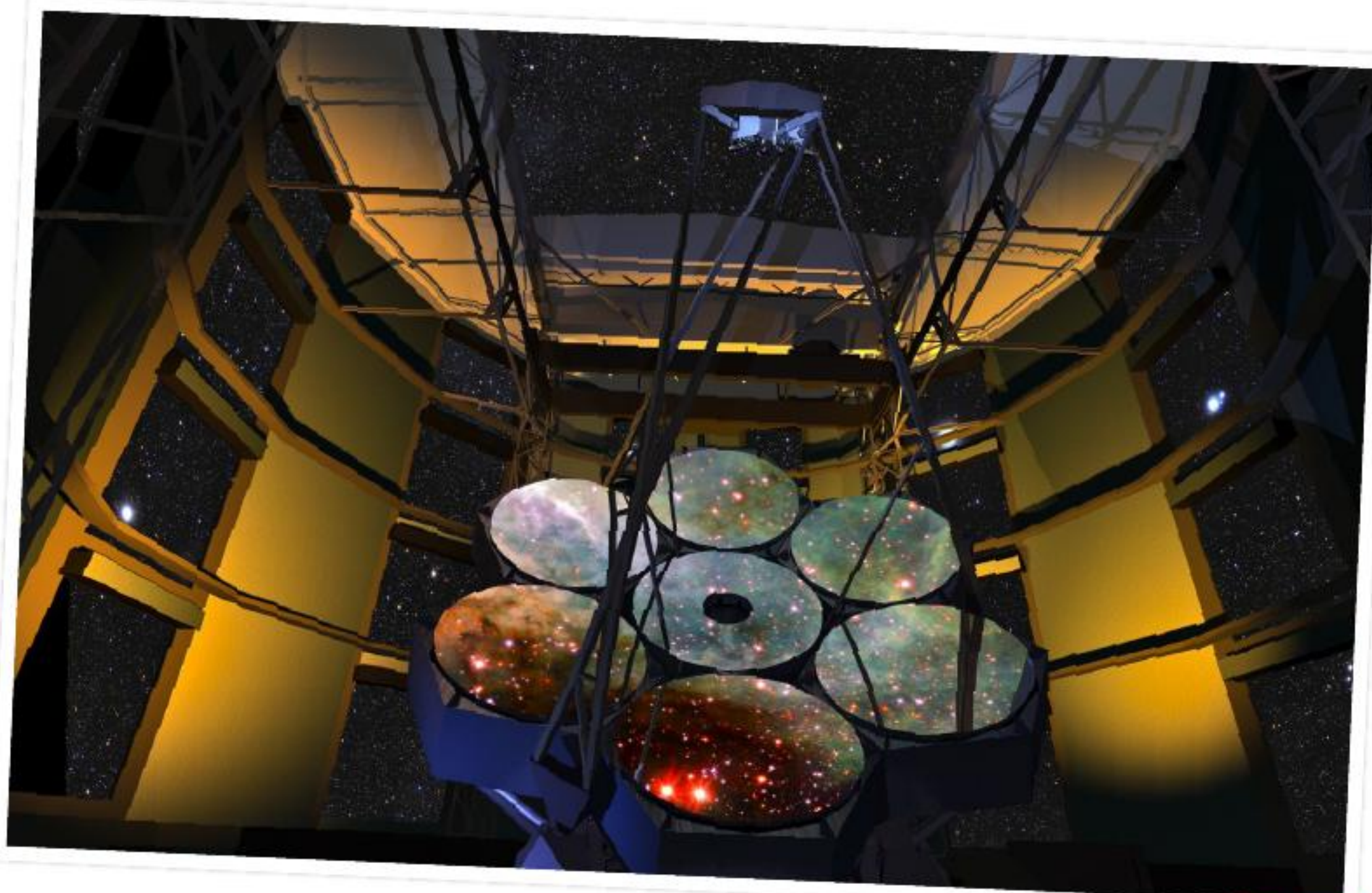
GMTO president Edward Moses said: "The GMT is a global scientific collaboration, with institutional partners in Australia, Brazil, Korea, the United States, and in host nation Chile. The construction approval means work will begin on the telescope's core structure and the scientific instruments that lie at the heart of this \$1 billion project.

The GMT is to be the first in a new class of gigantic telescopes and the scientists involved in the project are planning to focus their activities on discovering Earth-like planets orbiting neighboring stars. The telescope is also expected to detect light emitted shortly after the Big Bang 13.8 billion years ago offering astronomers the opportunity to look

back to the dawn of the universe.

"The new generation of big telescopes is pushing engineering to new limits in the pursuit of incredible scientific discoveries. Larger mirrors let us see fainter objects in more detail, which means we start to see things for the first time that we only thought existed," said Robert Massey, deputy executive secretary of the UK's Royal Astronomical Society.

"In the next few decades I'm confident that (even) bigger telescopes, like the European Extremely Large Telescope, will help us answer some of the big questions, telling us whether planets like our own are common in the universe, and just what the first stars to form after the Big Bang were really like."



Liverpool agree deal to sign Burnley striker Danny Ings

LIVERPOOL have agreed a deal to sign striker Danny Ings from relegated Burnley. Ings has agreed personal terms and will move to Anfield on July 1 after his contract expires, subject to passing a medical. He has opted for Merseyside despite interest from Tottenham, who had been willing to pay £12million for Ings, in order to discuss a transfer with him provided the bid was accepted.

Burnley are due a compensation fee for the player because he is under 24 but they have rejected Liverpool's undisclosed offer and talks are ongoing as the clubs bid to reach a settlement. If they are unable to do so, the amount will be determined by the Premier League, who would have to form a compensation committee to deal with the

case. Bournemouth, Ings' previous club, will also be due a small amount for the part they played in his development as a teenager before he left in 2011.

The 22-year-old scored 21 times in the 2013/14 season to help Burnley win promotion to the Premier League via the play-offs. He then netted 11 times in 35 appearances last season and although his goals were not enough to keep the Lancashire club up, his performances have earned him praise.

Ings, capped nine times for England at U21 level and having scored four goals, has also been tipped for a call-up to Roy Hodgson's full squad. The striker becomes Liverpool's second signing of the summer after James Milner agreed to join them from Manchester City last week.

Why you **SHOULD BE WATCHING** the Women's World Cup



IT'S a shame the Women's World Cup doesn't get the love the men's does. You're missing out. The women play with a hunger that million-dollar prima donnas (read: Ronaldo) just can't always muster. The games aren't always a foregone conclusion. And your team can actually win this thing. Still not convinced? Let us dispel some more doubts, so you'll give Women's World Cup a shot.

You don't think there's enough goal scoring

You know how some Americans complain that soccer's boring because there are so few goals? Not here. In the opener yesterday, Norway beat Thailand 4-0. And how many goals did Germany score against the goalless Ivory Coast? TEN! Yes, 10!

You're tired of the flopping and the preening

You know how in men's soccer, a strong wind is enough to knock a player over. And they play-act like a babies? The women don't have time for that. According to a study, women fake injury half as much as men do. And when they are on the ground rolling around, they're back up 30 seconds faster than men.

You like a good blood-boiling controversy

You know what the big controversy was, ahead of the 2014 men's World Cup in Brazil? In six of the 12 cities that hosted the games, the quality of the grass was poor and could really injure a player. Oh boo hoo! At least the men had grass. The women will play their games on synthetic turf. Turf burns are brutal. Legs are going to get beat up.

You like a sport where, you know, your team can actually win

If you're an American, then get behind Team USA. While the men's team has made much progress, the women have won the World Cup not once (1991) but twice (1999) and came soclose four years ago. Remember that iconic pic of Brandi Chastain celebrating? That was her after scoring the winning penalty kick against China, when she became every girl's soccer hero. If you're a Brit, your women's team could also make you proud (unlike Rooney and the boys). Plus, they're in a relatively easy group. And if you're German, your guys already won the men's World Cup last year. Why not make it a two-fer? Your girls are ranked #1 in the world.

You kind of like some on-field shenanigans

We'll admit, it's hard to top Luis Suarez chomping down on an opponent. And that's a good thing in the women's game. It keeps the 'beautiful game' beautiful. But women's soccer has its share of drama.

You're holding out for a hero

Messi. Tevez. Neymar. You know them all. And you should. They're really, really good. You know who else is good? Abby Wambach. How good? Well, she's scored more goals for a national team than any other player in soccer history. And that includes women and men. Then there's Brazil's Marta, nicknamed "Pele with a skirt." She was named FIFA Woman's Player of the Year five times. She's yet to win a World Cup and you can bet, she'll be giving it her all.

